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1. On 19 January 1953, the Horn Kaserne on Nuhner Chaussee, north of Friedrich Ebert Strasse, Frankfurt/Oder, was occupied to capacity by about 700 to 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, and by a repair shop. All barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. Between 12 and 19 January, source observed repeatedly that individual tanks in need of repair arrived from Lieberose. Eight JS-1 tanks were seen. At about 7:30 p.m. on 14 and 17 January, four tanks left the installation toward Muellroser Land Strasse for an undetermined destination. [ ]

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2. From 29 December 1952 to 11 January 1953, the AA guns for the protection of the railroad bridge across the Oder River were being emplaced in the Eichwald (woods). Eight 85-mm and 8 x 37-mm AA guns were seen. The guns were carefully camouflaged. The emplacements were about 300 to 500 meters from the bridge.<sup>2</sup>

3. On 26 January, the Artillerie Kaserne, northeast of August Bebel Strasse, Frankfurt/Oder, was occupied by about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 80 percent of which had artillery insignia. On 14 January, about 40 soldiers practiced marching in the barracks yard, and nine 76.2-mm AA guns, covered by tarpaulins, were on the north side of the installation.

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left the installation toward Rosengarten. On 26 January, about 200 soldiers were being drilled in the barracks yard.

4. On 26 January, the Buelow Kaserne at the intersection of Fuerstenwalder Strasse, Post Strasse and Schiller Strasse, was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 250 troops with tank insignia. On 6 and 12 January, 10 x 57-mm and 10 x 76.2-mm AT guns were seen in the barracks yard. On 17 January, about 20 soldiers with a 57-mm AT gun and 25 soldiers armed with rifles and carrying practice targets were seen marching from Rosengarten to the Buelow Kaserne.

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5. On 26 January, the Eichhorn Kaserne was occupied by a total of 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. A sentry who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets patrolled the Kech section of the installation. Source expressed the belief that the north-east section of the installation was occupied by about 100 uniformed women. Sentries observed there wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. In the southwest section, about 300 troops were drilling on 17 January. On 26 January, about 40 soldiers received training in firing in the Kiesberge (hills).

6. On 26 January, the Hindenburg Kaserne, north of August Bebel Strasse and east of Georg Richter Strasse, was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 17 January, about 40 soldiers armed with submachine guns and carrying spades and practice targets entered the installation, coming from the direction of Westkreuz. On 26 January, about 30 soldiers drilled in the barracks yard, and a T-34 tank left the installation toward Westkreuz.

7. On 26 January, the Hofbauer Kaserne, west of Birnbaummuehlen Weg and east of Schubert Strasse, was occupied by a fatigue detail of about 80 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and by a transient quarters for officers, the strength of which averaged 150 men. In the morning of 26 January, [redacted] was seen in front of the installation. About 75 officers were lined up in the barracks yard.

8. On 26 January, the Horn Kaserne was occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. The cantonment quartered about 150 soldiers of all branches of service. On 14 January, about 30 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets practiced combat in the area between the installation and Westkreuz, and about 40 soldiers drilled in the barracks yard.

9. On 26 January, the Ziethen Kaserne, east of Kopernikus Strasse and south of the athletic field, was occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. On 17 January, about 40 troops were lined up in front of the economic building. On 26 January, about 100 soldiers left the installation for an undetermined destination.

10. On 26 January, the komendatura was occupied by about 30 soldiers who wore either red-bordered black or black-bordered crimson epaulets. In the afternoon on 18 January, [redacted] soldiers armed with submachine guns, stopped in front of the quarters, coming from the direction of Muellroser Land Strasse. The troops entered the quarters of the komendatura. <sup>1</sup>

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1. [redacted] Comment. No change in the distribution of the units in the various installations of the post over the last report in mid-December 1952 is discernible. [redacted]. The arrival of individual tanks in need of repair from Lieberose indicates that,

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in January 1953, small details of units of the 7th Gds Meez Div  
stationed in Frankfurt/Oder also were at the troop training grounds  
for advanced combat practice firing.

25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. The AAA emplacements north and south of the railroad  
bridge over the Oder River in the Eichwald (woods) were known  
previously. [redacted] However, number and caliber  
of the guns there were reported for the first time.

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